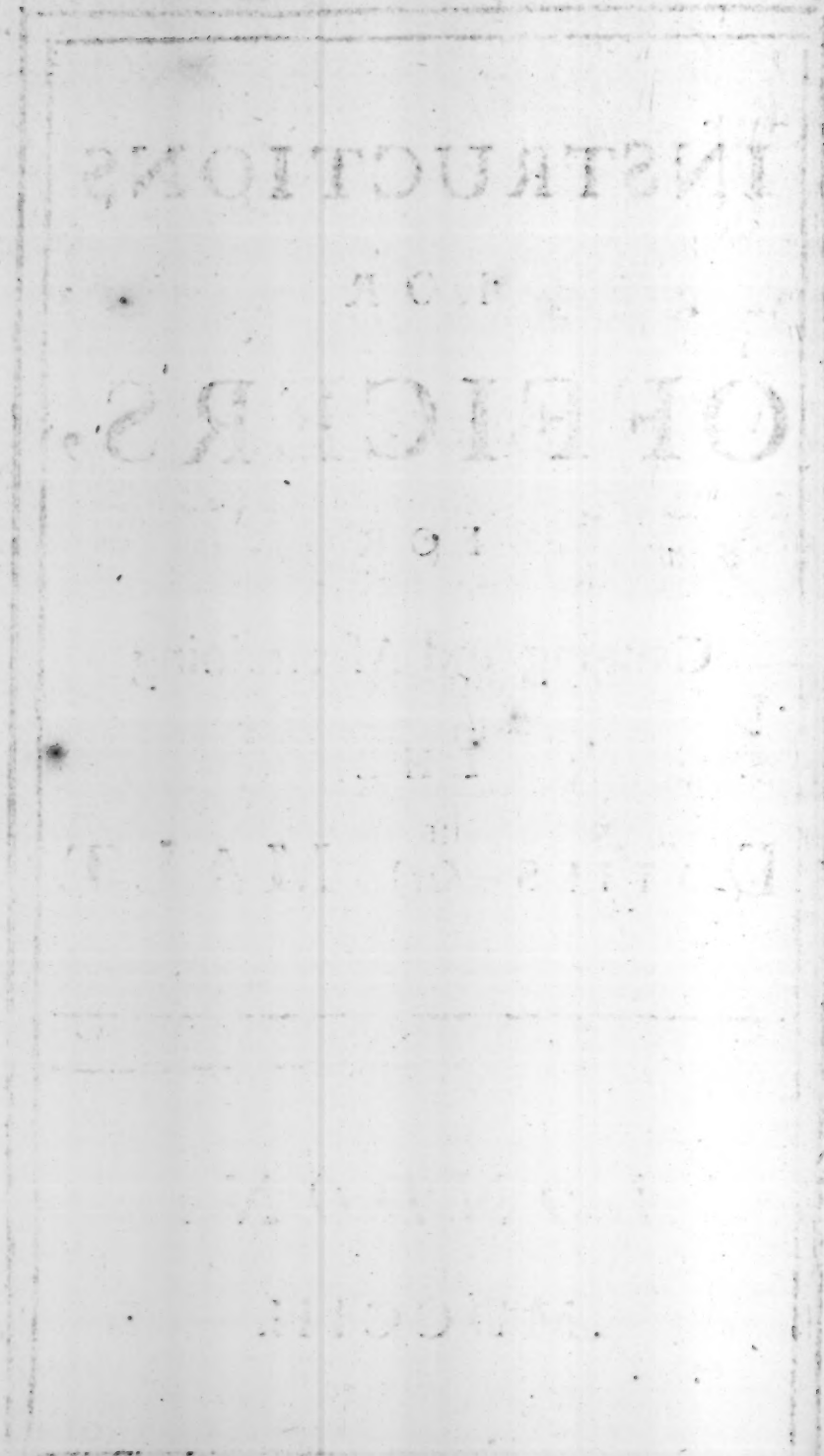


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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICERS.

I. **Y**OU are to provide your self with proper Instruments for Gauging Cisterns, and Uting-Fats, and for taking your Gauges of the Barley, or other Grain steeping in the Cisterns, and on the Floors.

II. You are to take Care that your Dimension-Book be examined, perfected, and signed by your Supervisor, *viz.* a true length, breadth, and depth of each Cistern, with the Area; and if there be any irregular Cisterns in your District, an Area must be taken in the middle of every ten Inches, and where you meet

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with a round Cistern, or Uting-Fat, the Diameter, Area, and Depth, is to be inserted.

III. You are to enter into your Leidger the Area of each Cistern, or Uting-Fat, and in the Corner of each Leaf to insert the Depth of each Cistern, or Uting-Fat, and you must keep your Leidger according to the Method herein after prescribed; And you are in your Towns to take 3 Gauges, if you can, on each Wetting in the Cistern, or Uting-Fat, and two at least in the Country. And be sure to take Care that one of your Gauges be taken, if possible, some short time before the Water is let out of the Uting-Fat, taking the Depth in three or four Places; and if you find any difference, then take a Medium, and enter it in your Leidger, as the true Gauge. If the Maultster press down the Barley, or other Grain, in the Cistern, or Uting-Fat, or use any other Artifice before you come to take your last Gauge, whereby to render your Gauge short of what it ought to be, you may in such Case make your Charge

Charge from what the Gauge would have been, if such Means had not been used.

IV. After the Barley, or other Grain, is thrown out of the Cistern, and before it has lain 48 hours, you are, if possible, to take a Gauge of it, and another Gauge before it be put on the Kiln, and the Total of the best Gauge, after it is out of the Cistern, is to be enter'd on the Floor-Column: And if that exceed your Cistern-Gauge by any Fraudulent Addition, you are to Charge from that Gauge, due regard being had to the Natural growing of the Barley, or other Grain, between the Cistern and the Kiln. And you are diligently to search, and examine what was the Occasion of that Encrease; and if, after the Sitting, you find in the Couch, or Floor, more than what you charged in your former Voucher, you are to make a Surcharge of what you so find in your next Voucher.

V. You are to survey your Maltsters in your Town once in Twenty four Hours,

Hours, and those in the Country thrice every Week, if possible; and at each Maltsters to leave a Paper, in which you are to insert the Day of the Month, the Hour of the Day, and your Gauge, which will serve your Maltster instead of a Copy of your Gauge; and when you take a Gauge where you suspect any Fraud, you are to take some of the Corn or Grain then Wetting, as near to the middle of the Cistern as you can, and use the best of your Skill by Biting, or otherwise, to discover if any Alteration has been made in the Gauge since you took the last Gauge, and also you are to observe the Colour of the Liquor.

VI. And forasmuch as some Persons may possibly from the Nature of their Trade have occasion to work on *Sundays*, in such Cases you are to survey on *Sunday* in the Evening all the Maltsters in your Town, that are at Work, and such Maltsters in the Country from whom you suspect Frauds.

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VII. You are to take Care that all Maltsters and Makers of Malt make a true Entry of the Malt-Houses, Cisterns, &c. as the Law requires, which are to be entred into a Book to be kept for that purpose, and afterwards to be kept upon a File. And from time to time you are to search after all private, or conceal'd Cisterns, Utting-Fats, or Vessels, for the steeping of Barley, or other Grain, Rooms, or Places for laying of Malt; and upon finding any such, you shall inform the Collector thereof, in order to lay an Information for the same.

VIII. You are not to depend upon any Maltsters saying that he will not make Malt in such a time; but you are so to survey him, as to be able to discover him at any time that he shall work.

IX. You are to take particular Care that upon each Survey you make, you go quite through the Malting-House to see how many Floors there are, having

ving a careful Eye to each Parcel, to observe that there is no new Flooring laid between the old ones, nor any Additions made by Malt brought from any secret or private Wetting.

X. You are to make a distinct Voucher, and Abstract for the Duty on Malt; in which Voucher and Abstract, you are also to charge all Cyder, Perry, and Mum, with the Duties given in the Act for granting the said Duties on Malt.

XI. You are to charge the Duty of Four Shillings the Hogshead on Cyder, and Perry, granted by this Act on the first Buyer, or Retailer thereof; and you must observe that every Person who shall buy any Cyder, or Perry, or any Fruit to make into Cyder or Perry, and shall sell any of the Cyder or Perry so bought, or made, shall be deemed a Retailer of Cyder and Perry, and shall be chargeable with the Duties of all such Cyder and Perry. And you are to charge all Cyder and Perry in the Hands of a Retailer

ler, with the whole Duty of 10 s. and 3 d. whereof Four Shillings are to be charged in your Malt-Voucher, and 6 s. and 3 d. in your Excise-Voucher.

Note, That if any Maltster shall lay any Brick, Tyle, or Board, or any such like thing in his Cistern, or Uting-Fat, thereby to hinder the Officer from taking the true Depth, or Gauge thereof, it must be deemed an Alteration of such Cistern, or Uting-Fat, and subjects such Maltster to the Penalty given by the said Act, for which you are to lay an Information.

In making your Surveys, and in doing what else relates to this Revenue, you are to follow the Instructions enjoin'd you in the Excise.

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